



AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-

LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Audiology is the study and diagnosis of hearing, balance, and related disorders. Audiologists working in this field help treat hearing loss and attempt to preemptively prevent related damage by evaluating patients, administering hearing tests, as well as prescribing and dispensing hearing aids and other hearing assistance technologies such as cochlear implants. Audiologists can also help with hearing rehabilitation training for those diagnosed with a hearing loss by assisting with auditory training, speech reading, and listening skills improvement.



Speech – language pathology, also known as speech

therapy, specializes in evaluating and treating those with speech, language, cognitive-communication, voice, swallowing, and fluency disorders. Speech therapists often work with other professionals to help assist individuals, such as teachers, physicians, audiologists, families, social workers, and psychologists. Speech – language pathologists often help with

stuttering, voice disorders, such as inappropriate pitch or harsh voice, and issues related to producing speech sounds.

There are many resources that provide information and assistance for those seeking evaluations and professionals who can help guide you through the process of learning more about hearing loss.

RESOURCES

American Academy of Audiology
American Hearing Research Foundation
Baltimore Medical Cochlear Implant Center
Beginnings for Parents of Children Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, Inc
Better Hearing Institute
Johns Hopkins Listening Center
Kennedy Krieger Dream Clinic
Towson University Speech, Language and Hearing Center
University of Maryland Medical Center – Hearing and Balance Center
University of Maryland Speech and Audiology Clinic

FACT SHEETS

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